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in Oberschlema

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1. The ores produced in various mines first entered so-called ore washing plants, where they were sifted by shaking sieves while being constantly checked by radiometric experts. The high grade ores were sorted, packed in boxes and shipped.* The ores of inferior quality were shipped by rail to the OBERSCHLEMA Blaufarben Plant for dressing.

2. The only information regarding the chemical dressing procedure is that hydrochloric acids, steam and drying kilns were used.

3. [redacted] a specimen which had allegedly been in a drying kiln. The material of this specimen was said to be a concentrate and was allegedly shipped to the Soviet Union in barrels sealed by soldering.

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[redacted] the specimen checked by a radiometric expert [redacted] found practically no radiation. [redacted] the Blaufarben Plant is now almost entirely fenced off. It was surrounded by board fences, barbed wire and watch-towers where armed double sentries were on duty day and night. [redacted] these security measures indicate that a very important production process is under way, even if the specimen does not yield any tangible proof. [redacted]

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Comment: Probably merely the radiometric sorting of produced rock on the conveyor belts.

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